

long session, if this was last year or next year and we wouldn't be meeting under a biennial plan and the problems that we are having now under the DRG system, the rural hospitals and rural nursing homes where the problems that they have need immediate attention, they need relief and assistance through some changes in the statutes, if we didn't have annual meetings to react quickly to those changes, these people would suffer for a much longer period of time than they need to. This happens in all walks of life and all types of our segments of our society and as a result I don't think we can go back to the biennial plan because things move so quickly today in our society. As a result, although I totally agree with Senator Rupp's respect for Senator Warner, it is also clear that the time is past for biennial sessions. If you want to bring the issue up and spend a lot of time debating it, that is your prerogative, but the committee felt there was overwhelming reason not to bring it up, that there was overwhelming reason to kill the bill and I would suggest that you do the same today and not uphold bringing the bill back to life.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak? The Chair will allow Senator Haberman to speak. He appears to be the last one. Thank you for the motion anyway, John.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, a question of Senator Warner, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, Senator Haberman would like to have you answer a question.

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, does this mean that we would close the offices and dismiss staff during when we are not in session?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator, I don't think we would close individual senator's offices, because you obviously have some...even back in the days when you had biennial sessions you have some things to do, but there is no question in my mind you are talking about a reduced staff, yes, overall.